



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

**Purpose Permit number:** CPS 6998/1  
**Permit Holder:** Bonney Downs Pastoral Company Pty Ltd  
**Duration of Permit:** 21 May 2016 to 21 May 2021

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

**1. Purpose for which clearing may be done**

Clearing for the purpose of temporary infrastructure storage.

**2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Lot 93 on Deposited Plan 220468, Nullagine.

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 3.8 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 6998/1.

**4. Application**

This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

### PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

**5. Avoid, minimise etc clearing**

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

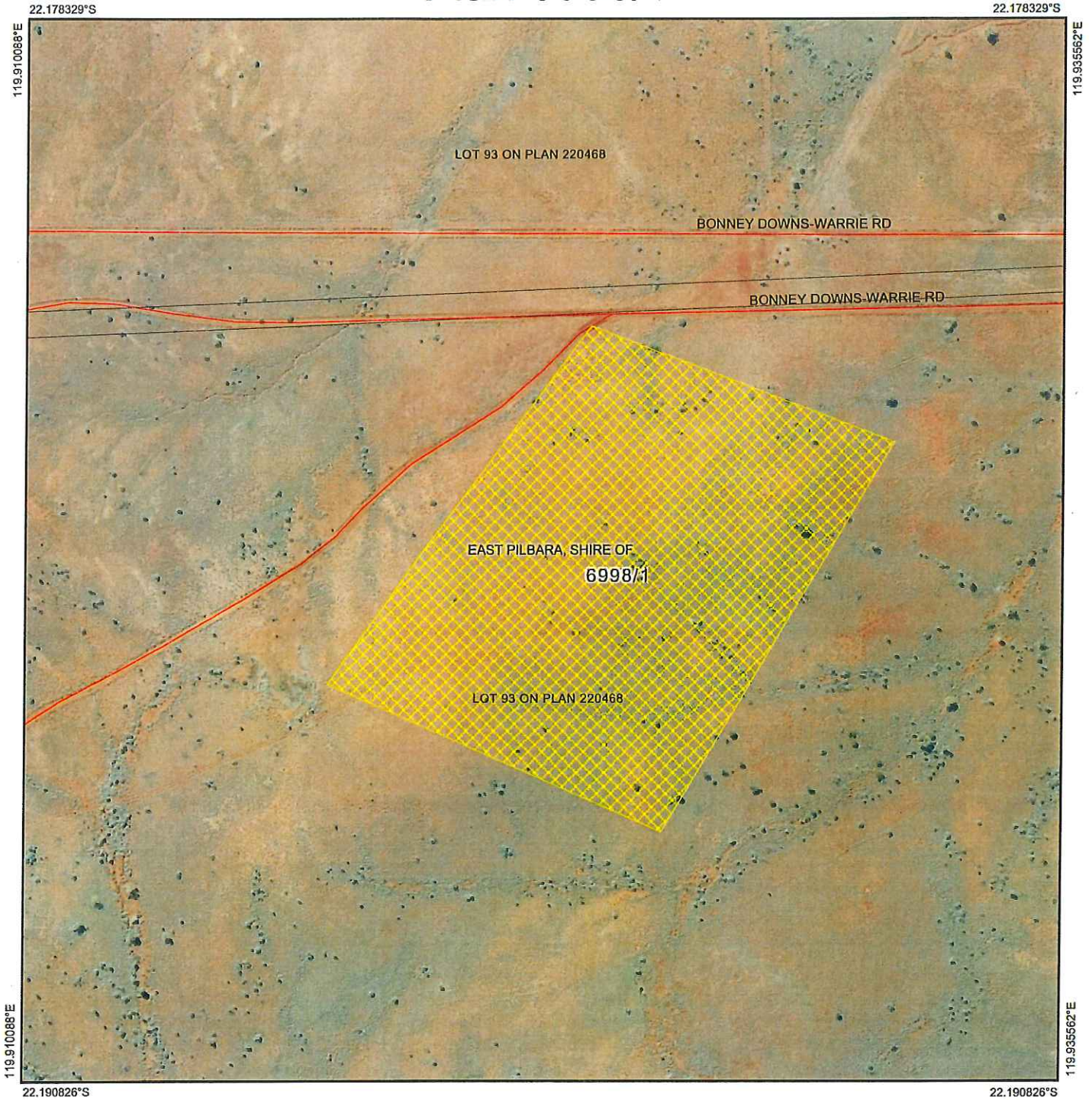
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James Widenbar  
MANAGER  
CLEARING REGULATION






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of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

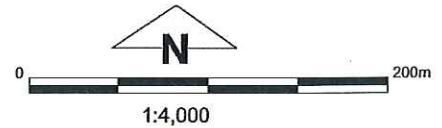
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# Plan 6998/1




## Legend

-  Imagery
-  Clearing Instruments Activities
-  Roads
-  Local Government Authority
-  Cadastre



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GDA 94 (Lat/Long)  
Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

 Date 21/4/2016  
James Widenbar

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986



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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 6998/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Bonney Downs Pastoral Company Pty Ltd

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 93 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 220468, NULLAGINE  
Local Government Authority: EAST PILBARA, SHIRE OF  
DER Region: NORTH WEST  
DPaW District: NO DISTRICT  
Localities: NULLAGINE

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
3.8		Mechanical Removal	Building or structure

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted  
Decision Date: 21 April 2016  
Reasons for Decision: The clearing application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, and it has been concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

Through assessment it has been determined that the clearing is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. State policies and other relevant policies have been taken into consideration in the decision to grant a clearing permit.

## 2. Site Information

### 2.1. Existing environment and information

#### 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
Mapped Beard vegetation association 173 is described as hummock grasslands, shrub steppe; kanji over soft spinifex & <i>Triodia wiseana</i> on basalt (Shepherd et al. 2001).	The clearing of 3.8 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 93 on Deposited Plan 220468, Nullagine, for the purpose of temporary infrastructure storage.	Excellent; Vegetation structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds non-aggressive (Keighery 1994).  To  Very Good; Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994).	The condition of the vegetation was determined by aerial imagery.

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

**Comments** The application to clear up to 3.8 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of temporary infrastructure storage is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. The vegetation is considered to be in excellent to very good (Keighery 1994) condition with some evidence of disturbance by vehicle tracks.

The local area surrounding the application is highly vegetated (retaining approximately 95 per cent native vegetation). The area under application is mapped as Beard vegetation association 173 which retains 99.7 per cent of its pre-European extent (Government of Western Australia 2014).

Given the extent of native vegetation in the local area, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on rare or priority flora, priority or threatened ecological communities, conservation reserves within the local area or contain significant fauna habitat and is not likely to be classified as clearing a significant remnant within a highly cleared landscape.

As no wetlands or watercourses are mapped within the application area, and the area surrounding the application is highly vegetated, clearing the vegetation under application is not likely to impact on riparian vegetation, contribute to or cause land degradation, deteriorate the quality of ground water or surface water and is not likely to cause or exacerbate flooding.

Given the above, clearing the vegetation under application is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

**Methodology**    References:  
Government of Western Australia (2014)  
Keighery (1994)

GIS Databases:  
- Hydrography, Hierarchy  
- Hydrography, Linear  
- Pre European vegetation  
- SAC Biodatasets accessed April 2016  
- Virtual mosaic

#### **Planning instruments and other relevant matters.**

**Comments**    Lot 93 on Deposited Plan 220468, Nullagine, is subject to a pastoral lease. The applicant has applied for a permit for non-pastoral use from the Department of Lands.

The Palyku claimants and the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation were notified of the proposed clearing under Section 24MD s6 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. No responses were received.

There are no Aboriginal Sites of Significance mapped within the application area.

No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

**Methodology**    GIS Databases:  
- Aboriginal Sites Register System

#### **4. References**

- Government of Western Australia (2014) 2014 Statewide Vegetation Statistics incorporating the CAR Reserve Analysis (Full Report). Current as of June 2014. WA Department of Parks and Wildlife, Perth.
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R. and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001) Native Vegetation in Western Australia, Extent, Type and Status. Resource Management Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture, Western Australia.